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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please make the following
amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached specification (42 pages) for the original PCT
specification (and translation).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original Claims 1-12 and substitute therefor new Claims 13-27 as

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